WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE

AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on October 19, 2017 at Eng 4 hosted by Eng 2.

The meeting was called to order by President Sprecher at 1900. Chaplain Bower led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Truck 1 were present. All officers were present.

GUESTS:

Todd Dyche, MFRI reported: A. report is on pages 50-61. B. Spring schedule will be out about November 1. C. Maryland Weekend brochure is in packet and will be February 2-4, 2018.

Tim Ganley, MSFA VCAF Committee reported that money is available. Contact him at 240-344-5959 for information and assistance.

Donald Lehman, MSP, was present.

Dave Hays, DFES: reported: A. Passed out the Proposed DES Strategic Staffing Plan. B. Box cards for the City of Hagerstown are being reviewed and updated. C. 25 Fire Mobile station licenses are available. They can be installed on the rip and run computers. It has a chat feature. D. Budget season is here. Get info in. CIP budget due 12/31 and Operation budge due 1/31/18. E. In station alerting can go to Wi-Fi and is being tested. F. 1811 has moved to Company 4. G. 2016 Senator Amos information due tomorrow. 2017 information can submit invoice to the County and no special bank account is needed. H. 2 4wheel drive vehicles are being declared surplus and should go to Safety 1 and 2.

MINUTES: The corrected minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report is on pages 3-5.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT The Chaplain reported: A. Charlie Shindle has completed his radiation and chemo and is at home recuperating. B. the Red Cross will be at the next Chaplains meeting to discuss how the two groups can work together.
OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget:  Budget requests are due by October 31.

Career Tech Education: Kingsley reported that A. EMT started last week and will continue thru March. B. most of the class attended the Fallen Firefighter Weekend. C. All medical evaluations are complete.

Chiefs:  Minutes of July meeting pages 34-39.

Computer:  A. Fuel, Maintenance and Utilities should be scanned in. B. there is a Fire House Conference next week to discuss the future of the program. C. Files for Workmen Composition are being reviewed.

EMS:  Minutes of August meeting on pages 19-33.

ESAC:  A. Met at Company 4 and toured the station. B. Still waiting for Jenoway report. C. Discussed Staffing report, but Dave was in Florida so some questions remain. D. Kevin and Sheriff Mullendore will be the next meeting to discuss the Training Center. E. Speed Camera fines may become part of the Fire Plan funding. F. Bids for new Hazmat Unit are due 10/30.

ESOP:  Waiting for Jenoway report. Requested that it be received by 11/15/17.

Legislative:  Glenn reported: A. Many people running for Governor.

LOSAP:  Skip reported: A. that Fire Reports for the past three months have been error free. B. Final submission for new people are due 10/27.

Recruitment and Retention:  Nicole reported: A. Fire Prevention Week went well with most Companies visiting schools and holding open houses. B. The Art of Successful Planning is offered in OC 12/1-3/2017, and lodging may be covered by MSFA SAFER Grant. Go to mfri.org to register.

Rehab:  President Sprecher turned meeting over to VP Moncrief. The proposal to change the Rehab unit from Company 25 to Company 14 was discussed. Sprecher, Jr. made a motion to keep the Rehab Unit as 255. The motion was seconded by J.Latimer and passed.

Training:  A report is in the packet on pages 50-62.
NOMINATIONS: The Nomination Committee of B. Snyder, D. Irvin and D. Martin presented a slate consisting of:

President: James Sprecher, Jr.
Dale Hill

1VP Bob Moncrief

2VP Joe Ralls

Secretary Sam Murray

Asst. Secretary Lynn Hunsberger

Treasurer Rick Blair

Asst. Treasurer Rick Hemphill

Chaplain Richard Bower

The floor was opened for nominations and the following persons were nominated:

1 VP Jason Eckstine

2 VP Don Bingaman

Skip Menzies

No further nominations were received. Nominations are closed and elections will be held at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. President Sprecher presented Greg Murray, retiring County Administrator, a Resolution for all his past support of the Fire Service.
B. Brian Lohman discussed the Companies that have not yet completed their Officer Standard Reporting for 2017-2018. The Companies are Co. 5, Co. 16, Co. 20, Co. 18, and SAF.

NEW BUSINESS:  A Dave Hays discussed the Staffing Plan in great detail. Some questions were asked. If a company has no need for assistance there will be no benefit to them.

The CIP will take the hit for funding.

People will be moved thru the stations to learn the equipment and area.

Dave asks the Companies to complete their driver schedule by the 15th and the County schedule is to be complete by the 21st.

B. A motion was made to postpone action for one month was defeated by voice vote.

C. A motion was made to accept the report as presented was made and seconded. The motion passed with 18 for, 4 opposed and 4 not voting during a roll call vote.


Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary